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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Bore holes for Local Bodies.

READ—

Government Order No. D. 5994-6013—I. & C. 168-27-2, dated 6th December 1927, issuing a set of rules for the levy of fees for hiring out well boring drills.

2. Development Secretary's letter No. D. 11248-55—I. & C. 408-27-1, dated 21st April 1928, to the Presidents of District Boards, suggesting to them that with a view to provide drinking water by drilling bore wells, Government would be prepared to contribute a moiety of the cost if the District Boards were willing to purchase drills and hire them out to private parties recovering from them the charges of operating them.

3. Replies of the Presidents of District Boards furnishing the opinions of the Boards on the suggestion made above.

4. Un-official Note No. 30—Ds. 844 of 29-30, dated 6th January 1930 of the Director of Industries and Commerce.

ORDER No. D. 10729-47—I. & C. 408-27-18, DATED 28TH MARCH 1930.

In view of recent experience which has demonstrated the capacity of bore holes to furnish in many cases adequate supplies of water, Government consider that the time has arrived to adopt a definite policy for ensuring steady progress in the utilisation of this means for the solution of the problems relating to the supply of drinking water in towns and villages.

2. Under the existing arrangement, the Well Boring Section of the Industries and Commerce Department puts down bore holes for local bodies and individuals on the following terms:—

Government provide the drilling plant free of cost, as also supervision by superior staff of the Well Boring Branch of the Department. All other expenditure, such as the wages of the staff employed on operation, the cost of boring, the value of materials used, is charged to the party for whom a bore hole is put down.

This arrangement does not make for a wide utilisation of this promising means of securing water, for the reason that it throws too large a share of the cost on Local Bodies whose resources are poor though their need for drinking water is great. It is also not quite in consonance with the generous policy of Government which has been to contribute a substantial share of the cost of sanitary works and usually a half of the expenditure on water supply projects. Government deem it therefore appropriate that the same liberality of treatment should be extended to the provision of drinking water by means of bore holes, so as to encourage and enable a large number of Local Bodies to resort to this means of solving their problems of drinking water supply.

3. Government are accordingly pleased to sanction the following arrangement for regulating the drilling of bore holes by the Industries and Commerce Department for Local Bodies, This arrangement will be in force for two years:—

(1) The Department of Industries and Commerce will supply, free of cost, the drills required for putting down bore holes and also bear the cost of repairing them.

(2) The cost of the Supervising Staff of the Well Boring Section will also be borne by the Department.

4. The cost of putting down bore holes, including transport of drills and incidental charges will be shared between Government and the Local Body concerned in the following manner:—

(a) Where a bore hole is successful, the Local Body will be required to bear two-thirds of the cost the balance being met by Government. A bore-hole shall be considered successful when it yields a continuous supply of not less than 300 gallons an hour for not less than eight hours a day for a week. After a bore-hole is completed and handed over by the Department, its maintenance and operation charges should be borne by the Local Body concerned.

(b) In other cases, the cost will be borne in equal shares by Government and the Local Body concerned.

5. The sites where bore holes should be put down should be fixed up by the Well Boring Section of the Department in consultation with the Local Bodies concerned.

6. Such of the Local Bodies as are willing to avail themselves of the benefits of this arrangement are requested to draw up a two years' programme of boring work, the villages in which bore-holes are required to be put up being listed in the order of urgency of need for supply of drinking water, to provide for the necessary funds in their budgets, and to intimate their requirements to the Director of Industries and Commerce. It is hoped that the District Boards will readily take advantage of this scheme, and co-operate with Government in an increasing measure in a matter of such vital importance to the rural population.

7. It will be open to Village Panchayets to participate in the benefits of this scheme on the same terms.

8. The Central Industrial Workshop has manufactured several efficient core drills, and it is estimated that they can be turned out at a cost of Rs. 8,000 per outfit in future.

9. To meet the increased demand that is expected for the service of the Well Boring Section under this arrangement, it will be necessary to manufacture ten more drills during each of the next two years. The Comptroller is requested to provide in the next year's budget a sum of Rs. 84,000 for "Tools and Plant" of the Well Boring Section for this purpose.

10. One half of the annual provision for drinking water wells in villages under "30 grants for Public Improvements" will be set apart for meeting subsidies to local bodies under this scheme.

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